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JUSTICE AND RIGHT

VOLUME FIFTY

CHARITY BALL WAS BIG SUCCESS

With hosts of out-of-town guests present and many of the younger set home for the holidays, the annual Charity ball, that was given by Mercy Hospital Aid Society at the High School gymnasium last Thursday evening, proved to be the most enjoyable of the holiday festivities and was a big success both socially and financially.

The setting for the party, represented a pretty summer garden scene. Overhead, green and white crepe paper streamers formed a canopy which had an awning effect corresponding with the awnings at the windows, the streamers being fastened in the center by a large hanging basket that was filled with evergreen boughs and large red roses. Window boxes with blooming roses, and pergolas beautiful with evergreen boughs and roses, made it very picturesque. The place in which the orchestra was seated was formed of lattice work which was also prettily with the evergreen boughs and roses, with the green and white awning overhead. Spruce and balsam trees formed the background for the orchestra.

The music, which was furnished by the Humbert-Whitney Red Stripe orchestra from Owosso, made a hit with the dancers, and when they started at 9:00 o'clock, everyone was in gay spirits, and ready to have a good time. Among those playing in this orchestra who were already familiar to Grayling residents, were Leo Schram who took his place at the piano, Vernon Klingensmith, banjo and John Brewster, saxophone, who also is a real entertainer, singing many of the song hits during the evening, in costume. This organization has the honor of furnishing the best music that has been heard in Grayling in some time, and Grayling people were greatly delighted. Leo Schram is planning on bringing some members of the band to Grayling for the summer tourist season at Lake Margrethe which will be glad news to pleasure seekers.

One feature dance was enjoyed when confetti and horns were passed and much noise and merriment was the result.

Light refreshments were served to all who wished them, in the domestic science room, which also held a holiday air in its green and red decorations.

Mrs. Esbern Hanson, who is president of the Hospital Aid society, was general chairman, in charge of arrangements. Mrs. A. J. Joseph was chairman of the decorating committee. Mrs. C. G. Clippert, chairman of the music, Mrs. Thomas Cassidy, chairman of refreshment committee and Mrs. Marius Hanson, chairman of ticket sale, and it is mostly through their efforts that the affair was such an enjoyable one.

Among the out-of-town guests in attendance at the party were, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rockwell, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Haight, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff McKinnon, Supt. and Mrs. Burkett, Miss Janice Bailey, Miss Leona Goch, Mrs. Longdo, Lyle Merritt, Willard Johnson, Leland Shipp, Alex Cole of Gaylord, Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Melstrop, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lubnau, Elmer Jorgenson and Mr. and Mrs. John Grass of Detroit; Bernard Johnson of Wayne; Mrs. Roy Bricker of Royal Oak; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Duvall of Monroe; Norma Lebahai and George Lowery of Cheboygan; Van Stewart and Charlie Miller of Flint; Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hermann, Miss Elizabeth Jerome of Lansing; Mr. LeRoy Smith, Soo; Mr. and Mrs. Glen Arnold, Ypsilanti. There were also many other guests from Gaylord, Fredrick and Roscommon.

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THE NEW CHEVROLET

Wildfire enthusiasm kindled throughout the country last week when the new Chevrolet line for 1928 went on display took particular account of the many mechanical innovations embodied in the new car.

Thousands who viewed the new models noted that the wheelbase was increased and bodies made roomier and more beautiful, also that the mechanical features had been developed to a measure heretofore unknown in the low price class.

Outstanding developments in the engine and chassis that received widespread endorsement were the increased speed and power of the new car, easier steering, four wheel brakes of new design, shock absorber springs marking an advanced trend toward riding comfort, and smoother engine performance.

The last mentioned feature was achieved by the use of constant clearance alloy "invar strut" pistons which make for smoother, more efficient motor performance.

Further contributions toward this end were gained by raising the compression ratio and by stepping up the valve lifts. Through these changes maximum power is developed.

Other changes in the engine are the addition of a breathing system to eliminate the annoyance of engine fumes; a new two-port exhaust, and a silencing engine enclosure.

The four-wheel brakes are of non-locking design—the product of Chevrolet laboratories plus the facilities of General Motors laboratories and proving grounds. Front brakes are two-shoe unenergized internally, while the rear brakes are the energized external self-wrapping type. Front and rear brakes have been proportioned to prevent side drag or pull. Each brake has an individual adjustment at the wheels, while "stops" have been provided to make the adjustment process especially easy. Easy initial pedal application throws the front brakes into action. Further application throws the front brakes harder into action and also brings the rear brakes into full play, so that it is possible to slide the rear wheels on dry pavements by using full pressure but not the front wheels.

The effect of this, according to Chevrolet engineers is to get uniform wear on the brake lining.

The springs also are of extraordinary interest. Realizing that all uncomfortable spring action is the result of rebound after striking a bump, Chevrolet engineers set about to increase the friction of the springs and thus check the rebound.

This end was achieved by equipping the springs with special rebound checks. Two checks are on each spring located half way between the center spring shackle and the spring end. These rebound checks are inverted bow shaped steel leaves assembled under high pressure against the top of the spring leaf, the ends pressing against the top of the leaf, increasing the resistance.

So much has the spring friction increased by this new device that the car is said to ride 50 per cent better than with the old type springs. The rebound checks also offer greater resistance to bumps.

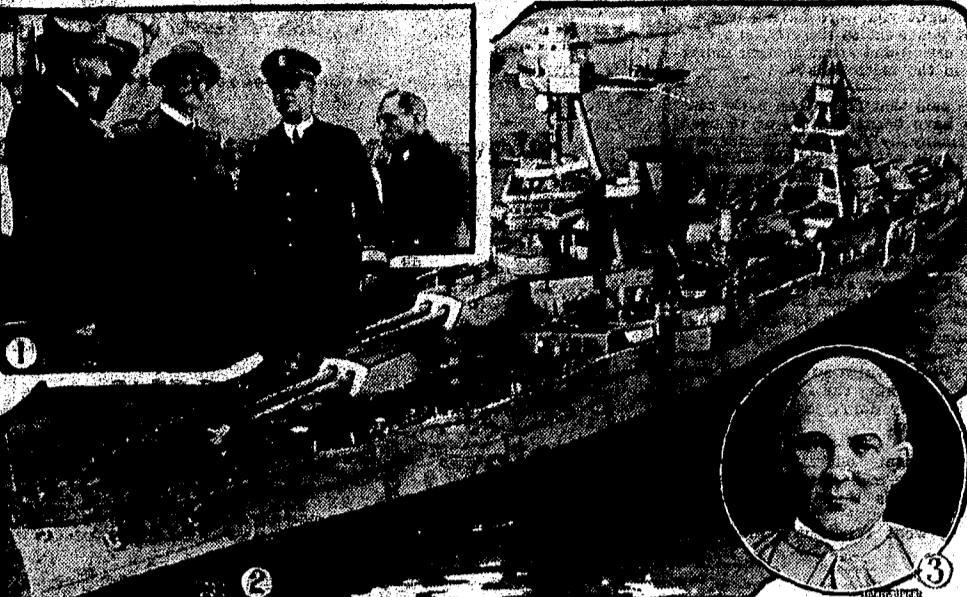
Greater ease of steering was made possible by adopting a ball bearing worm and gear steering mechanism, including ball bearings in the steering knuckles, and by increasing the steering ratio from 8. to 9.5 to 1. The four inch increase in wheelbase contributes greatly to the riding quality of the car, with less pitching and better road holding ability.

The front axle has been enlarged and strengthened to accommodate the new brake attachment. A fan shroud has been added for more efficient cooling, and a host of other details combine to make the Chevrolet for 1928 the best performing, most efficient and dependable mechanical unit ever built by the company.

500 Visit Local Exhibit

Frank Tetu, local Chevrolet dealer, says there were approximately 500 people out Monday to see the display of new models that were on exhibition at the Temple Theatre that day.

Three models were exhibited—a Four-Door sedan, a Two-Door sedan and a Coupe. Mr. Tetu was assisted by George Smith of West Branch in ex-



1—Secretary of the Navy Davis, Admiral Hughes, Admiral Brumby and Lieutenant Commander Ellsworth on the U. S. S. Falcon at Provincetown conferring about salvaging of the sunken submarine S-4. 2—Battalion Commander Ellsworth, Texas, which will carry President Coolidge, to Havana for the Pan-American congress. 3—Archbishop Raymond M. Rouxie of Quebec, created a cardinal by the pope.

TELEPHONE CO. CHANGES HANDS

The local Telephone exchange owned and operated by Melvin A. Bates for many years has with the passing of the old year of 1927 passed from his ownership to that of Dr. O. M. Vaughan of South Haven, Mich., representing the Onaway-Aplena Telephone Company.

The history of the local company extends to the time when Grayling had no telephone. Mr. Bates, who had been the local manager for the long distance company then known as the Northeastern Telephone Co., with lines from Bay City to Mackinaw, conceived the idea of forming a local company to promote telephone service in Grayling. In this he was encouraged by the urging of N. P. Olson, but being unable to organize a company satisfactorily, he concluded to start the business alone, and applied for a franchise which was granted Dec. 7th 1908. Material was at once ordered, poles were purchased locally, and a contract was let to Stone & Green, a firm of general contractors of Chicago for the construction of the plant, and the installation of fifty telephones. Mr. Bates had previously solicited subscribers, securing forty before letting the contract. All orders for phone service from that time has been unsolicited business coming from a recognized necessity for such service.

On March 1st, 1909 telephone service started with 63 regular subscribers, and on that day 16 requests were filed for telephones, and there has been a healthy growth for several years. However, the largest number operated by this company was 406, and it is a matter of pride with Mr. Bates that there has been a complete cessation of service but twice during the entire period, once a move to the upper floor from 9 p. m. to 6 a. m. in one day, and for one hour Armistice day for celebration.

Mr. Bates says that he recognizes the fact that any mechanical arrangement will at times fail to operate, but it has at all times been his aim to let as little time as possible elapse before repairs could be made, and that he has experienced all the human emotions from condemnation to commendation during the nineteen years of telephone operating, and desires this time to extend sincere thanks for the patronage given him during the long period of telephone serving, and to say to those who have commended his efforts, "I thank you" and to those who were at times seemingly dissatisfied "I'm sorry". Also he wishes to state that the new owners being practical telephone men and men of large business affairs he feels sure they will give what the public demands—good service—and be speaks for them favorable consideration.

REDPATH STAR HERE JANUARY 10TH

A wire from the Redpath Lyceum Bureau which has booked us with such wonderful Lyceum numbers on our regular program, informs us that the titanic Charles Ross Taggart, one of their platform stars can be had for a special number on January 10th.

Owing to an emergency in the schedule of this artist, this date has been thrown open, and we are privileged therefore in booking Mr. Taggart at a special price.

This number has no connection with the regular Lyceum numbers and therefore the tickets of the season are not valid for this night of entertainment. However, the Committee on Programs are making it possible to get a fifty cent number at "after new-years prices". Adults 30c; children 20c. See the bills.

The hour of meeting, 7:45 p. m. sharp.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS FUND

Statement of Receipts and Expenditures

Received from "popular subscriptions" \$223.90

Expenditures

For Community Christmas tree. Candies, etc. \$83.90

To Good-fellowship Club for Christmas baskets and relief of conditions of distress \$140.00

Total \$223.90

A detailed statement of each subscription to the fund, and item of expense can be seen by seeing the Acting-Treasurer, Rev. J. W. Greenwood.

DEBATING LEAGUE MAKES BETTER CITIZENSHIP

The Michigan High School Debating League was organized by the University of Michigan for the purpose of directing the interest of the high school boys and girls of the State to the study of economical and political problems of state and national interest.

This year 240 high schools from every section of the state joined the League. Throughout the year each school meets interscholastic debates upon the subject: "Resolved that the direct primary system of nominating candidates for public office in the United States should be abolished."

This year 1500 high school boys and girls of the State of Michigan are carrying on an intensive study of the advantages and disadvantages of the Direct Primary and presenting their conclusions in public debate.

This probably will be a short term owing to there being but ten cases to be disposed of. Following are the cases on the docket:

Criminal Cases

The people vs. Howard Weller, violation of the prohibition law.

The people vs. Henry Loughton, assault.

The people vs. Robert Alexander, violation of the prohibition law.

Non-Jury Cases

Charles W. Kuehl vs. Thomas E. Douglas, trespass on the case.

The American State Bank vs. James E. Kellogg et al, foreclosure.

Mytelle M. Ross vs. Henry Ross, divorce.

Clara Hum vs. Harry Hum, divorce.

Lena M. Clothier vs. Ernest E. Clothier, divorce.

T. J. Ryan, et al vs. S. Draft, et al, injunction.

John Bruun vs. Leon Babbitt, bill of quiet title.

Following is the list of petit jurors that have been drawn for this term:

Chauncey Rogers, Beaver Creek.

C. S. Barber, Frederic.

John Smallwood, Grayling.

J. Porter Royce, South Branch.

Charles Burt, Beaver Creek.

William Lang, Frederic.

John Matthiesen, Grayling.

John Surday, Lovells.

John McGillis, South Branch.

William Ellis, Beaver Creek.

John Parsons, Frederic.

Edward Chalker, Grayling.

Charles Miller, Lovells.

Hemmings Peterson, Maple Forest.

John Corwin, South Branch.

William Love, Beaver Creek.

William Cox, Frederic.

Clarence VanAmberg, Grayling.

John Westcott, Maple Forest.

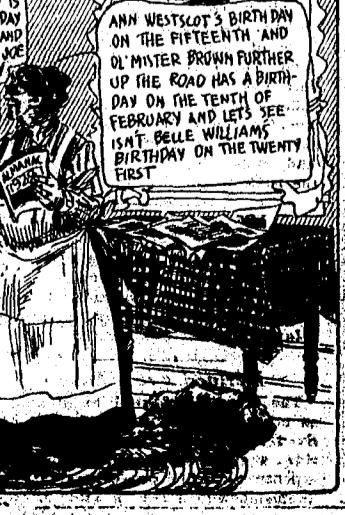
Frank Leline, South Branch.

Ed. Moore, Beaver Creek.

Maybe one reason for the surplus production of oil is that too many automobiles are now getting twenty miles to the gallon.

ENTRAL DRUGS CO. C. W. OLSEN PROPRIETOR GRAYLING, MICH.

Marking of the New Calendar



USE OF ELECTRICITY RAPIDLY INCREASING

Michigan Memorial Church

John Wilfred Greenwood, Minister

Sunday, January 15

10:30 a. m. "The Man who might have been—Judas Iscariot."

7:30 p. m. "The Tenth American—The Negro." A picture-lecture.

6:30 p. m. Epworth League. The first lesson in the study of Stanley Jones' "Christ of the Indian Road."

"This Busy World"

An English professor assures us

that there is an economic loss

throughout the British Isles of at

least 1,000,000 pounds a week, due to

impairment of working capacity as a

result of noise. He also says that

the loss through ill-health and pre-

mature death, due to the same cause

is a huge item and cannot possibly

be reckoned. We may not agree with

his figures but we do know people

who seem to associate noise with

power. How refreshing therefore to

read, "In quietness and confidence

shall be your strength." And the

other Bible line is also suggestive,

"Be still and know that I am God".

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One resolution that will be easy to keep



WHEN you've decided to have the best music in your home all during 1926, you'll find no difficulty in carrying out your resolution—with an Orthophonic Victrola.

For this almost-human instrument interprets each new selection with a realism of tone and volume that is truly astonishing. You play it over and over again, with new interest on each hearing.

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KARCHER TO HAVE OPPPOSITION

The state press says that Senator Horatio S. Karcher, of the 28th senatorial district, is going to have some competition for his seat if he runs for re-election next year. Senator Karcher's district is composed of the counties of Alcona, Arenac, Clare, Crawford, Gladwin, Iosco, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Osceola and Roscommon.

This week Toney Archard, of Clare, well known in Republican ranks, wrote Attorney General William W. Porter a letter. Mr. Archard is a member of the board of managers of the state fair, and he wanted to know whether a member of that board could be a candidate for the senate without resigning his office.

The attorney general ruled that he could, but that in the event of election, he would automatically cease to be a member of the state fair board. Archard's friends have been urging him to get into the race against Karcher, and his letter to the attorney general was taken as the first indication that he is seriously considering the matter.

Mrs. Holbeck, of East Tawas, candidate for the house last year, is also considering getting into the senatorial race against Senator Karcher. Roscommon Herald-News.

WEST BRANCH MAN TO RUN FOR GOVERNOR

Reports believed to be from reliable sources, are being circulated relative to having Robert M. Pointer of West Branch enter the Republican race for the office of governor at the next election in 1928. Mr. Pointer, it is stated, has received requests of this nature from all over the state. He was candidate in 1920 for president on the People's Progressive ticket and has been quite prominent in state political circles as well as those of his own community—Gladwin Record.

An exchange contends that it is ungrammatical to say "the sick aviator has flu."

GETTING HIM TOLD

An exchange tells a very good one concerning a traveling man and a pretty hotel waitress. The yarn is based on the idea, correct or not, that commercial drummers sometimes seek to flirt with girls they meet during their travels.

In this instance it is said that when the waitress approached the traveling man's table to take his order he put on his most seductive smile and remarked: "Nice day, little one." She promptly agreed that the state of the weather was satisfactory, saying: "Yes, it is, and so was yesterday, and my name is Ella, and I know I am a little peach and have lovely eyes, and I have been here quite a while and don't think I am too nice a girl to be working here. I don't think there is a dance in town tonight, and wouldn't go with you if there were. I'm a respectable girl from the country, and my brother is cook here and he is a 200-pound football player. Last week he nearly ruined a fresh traveling man who tried to flirt with me. Now, what'll you have—roast beef, roast pork, Irish stew or fried liver?"

"MICHIGAN"

It is an established fact that Michigan holds first place in the United States for cucumbers, small fruits, white beans, chemical products, engines, drugs, automobiles, threshing machines, and refrigerators, and in addition, ranks up well in furniture, copper, iron and salt production.

Here are some other things that Michigan brags about—

It ranks in the quality of honey. The largest book paper factory in the world is in Kalamazoo.

Flax production nearly equals that of Ireland.

The silk factory at Balding is one of the largest in the world.

Michigan stands out in the production of quality seeds.

Saginaw supplies graphite for seven-eighths of all the pencils made in foreign countries.

Michigan has water communication with seven other states.

Truly, Michigan is a great state.

EDITORIAL PARAGRAPHS

When we look at the dwindling hospital lists we are convinced that football isn't what it used to be.

English liberals are now blaming the stubbornness of British naval experts for failing to come to an agreement with Uncle Sam in the naval parley. But of course if they had been able to put it over on us, nothing would have been said about it and the party would have ended happily.

Victor Emmanuel is still the king, but Il Duce is the ace.

The latest news from Wisconsin indicates that the G.O.P. elephant up

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The radio has developed a tremendous market for new songs. Vast fortunes wait you for that little melody, or idea which you are humming to yourself. Let us send you without cost, our free circular.

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Valuable information awaits you. WRITE TODAY. And take advantage of this free offer.

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There is regular time to review his break and his costs.

President, George W. of Texas, died the other day that the President was born in New Hampshire. But you can't blame him so much for this mistake as Vermont and New Hampshire must look like a couple of adjoining counties to a man from Texas. It must be remembered however that valuable things usually come in small packages.

Remember the good old days when you thought you were having a good time if you went to the city on a dollar excursion and spent another dollar while in the metropolis?

It is said that more than 5,000 sentences have been remitted or reduced in Germany by President Hindenburg as a result of his eightieth birthday policy of amnesty. Well this ought to assure him a nice bloc of votes if he runs again.

It seems to be very difficult for the so-called farm leaders to agree on a farm relief program but nobody has yet had the hardhood to want to refer the matter to the League of Nations for adjudication.

The Pennsylvania railroad has now put on a smoking car for women. But we'll bet they didn't put it just back of the tender.

A prominent educator advocates that we have more intelligent voting. The trouble is that the Republican and Democratic leaders can't agree on just what constitutes intelligent voting.

Experts in Germany disagree on the value of present German production. One expert puts it at 60,000,000,000 and another at 24,000,000,000 marks. Well why worry over a trifle like thirty-six billions?

In addition to keeping your ankles warm, a pair of grey spats makes you look like an actor.

There is a Central African tribe which has a peculiar custom. In debates the speaker is required to stand on one leg only and is permitted to speak only so long as he can stand on one leg. We don't know which tribe this is but it is our opinion that we ought to know a little more about its customs.

German socialists could not get the death penalty abolished but they succeeded in getting a law passed so that in the future the manipulator of the guillotine will wear a business suit instead of the customary full dress clothes. We don't know whether this change will mean anything to the condemned victims or not but it at least ought to convince them that the headsman means business.

The population of Mexico is now fourteen million and is increasing despite the large number of fatalities among presidential candidates.

A new clause has been added to the Constitution. Senators will hereafter be elected by the people, subject to confirmation by the Senate.

We agree with the financiers who think that it wouldn't be a wise policy to cut taxes below the deadline until we get the world war paid for.

The latest record price for a seat on the New York Stock Exchange was \$250,000 another reason why so many of us will continue to stand—Detroit Free Press.

Ohio has at least four possible presidential candidates which would be enough to start a general massacre in Mexico.

One unexpected effect of the Eighteenth Amendment is to bring the old-fashioned Fifteenth Amendment back into the limelight.

Combined Color Effect in Elaborate Fur Coat



This elaborate-fur coat using a combined color effect is worn by Dorothy Mackall, First National star. It is of cream and coco dyed orange. The coat is designed with a sash and has a wide shawl collar, cuffs and interesting panel treatment of the light orange. The side skirt trimming gives a novel effect and emphasizes the elaboration of the mink.

"Be Yourself!"
It is the vain endeavor to make ourselves what we are not that has drawn history with so many broken purposes and lives left in the rough.—James Russell Lowell.

Dotted From Saxon
The word club, used to designate an organization, is supposed to be derived from the Saxon ciscian, to divide; a club being an association the expenses of which are shared among its members.

The Bigger and Better

CHEVROLET

New body and radiator lines.

New Duco colors.

New four-wheel breaks, 189 square inches of service brake and
70 inches additional on the emergency.

New, constant clearance "Ivar Strut" pistons.

New Thermostatic heat control.

New steering comfort.

New 107-inch wheelbase with new shock absorbing semielliptic springs.

Safety gasoline system.

New crankcase ventilation.

Oil filter, air cleaner and semi-automatic spark control.

Call 1511 for demonstration.

Frank X. Tetu

Dealer

Local News

Don't miss the basket ball game Saturday night. Frederic Cardinals vs. Grayling All City.

The regular meeting of the Women's Auxiliary will be held at the American Legion hall on Tuesday evening, January 10. Installation.

Mrs. Henry Bauman left for Detroit Monday where she will join her daughter, Mrs. Ralph Routier and son and together they will go South for the winter.

Miss Virginia McKinnon of Gaylord was a guest of Reginald Sheely over Sunday. On her return home Monday, she was accompanied by Miss Bunny Montour who was her guest for a couple of days.

The Wehnes family of Eldorado surprised Mr. and Mrs. Orlo L. Shreve, of Linger Longer Club, on Christmas day by dropping in on them and enjoyed seeing them unwrap their many beautiful presents.

Miss Helen Schumann returned to her work at M. S. C. Monday night after enjoying the holiday vacation at her home here. She was accompanied as far as Lansing by Miss Eleanor Schumann who was enroute to Grand Rapids.

The first basket ball game of the season will take place on the Grayling court, Saturday evening, when Grayling All City will play the Frederic Cardinals, managed and coached by "Pete" Johnson, former Grayling All City star. Preliminary game at 8:00; big game at 9:00 o'clock. Prices 35 and 25 cents.



A Choice Cut

Many of our customers have learned the goodness and the tastiness of round steak as they can purchase it here. If you have never tried it, do so.

Delicious Mary Jane Cottage Cheese.

Wisco Nut Oleo is an excellent bread spread.

Blue Bird bread is delicious—none better.

In the Teapot Dome drama it appears that money played the leading role.

OPPORTUNITY COLUMN

SALES MAN WANTED—For lubricating oils, greases and paints. Excellent opportunity. Salary or commission. The Jed Oil and Paint Co., Cleveland, Ohio.

LIFE INSURANCE SALES MAN—Wanted. A man capable of earning from five to ten thousand a year by a company having over eight hundred million dollars in assets and writing both men and women. Splendid annual dividends. Increasing disability for totally disabled. Investment values for old age. For particulars write stating age and business experience. Box 1077, Detroit, Mich. 1-5-3

QUALITY CHICKS—Michigan Accredited. Free range and Trapnest quality chicks from real money making flocks. Ten per cent discount on January orders for future delivery. Sterling Poultry Farm, Sterling, Mich. 1-5-tf

FOR SALE—Newton, Buckeye, and Simplex Brooder stoves. Three of the best brooder stoves in the world. Also ready built brooder houses. Safeguard your chicks and write now. Sterling Poultry Farm, Sterling, Mich. 1-5-tf

LOST—Brown and white hound. Answer to name of "Spot," Dec. 12, in Beaver Creek. Anyone knowing of its whereabouts please notify Frank Keppel, Roscommon, Route 1.

FOR RENT—Light housekeeping rooms, bedroom heated. Call at Avalanche office.

FOR GASOLINE ENGINES FOR sale—1 1/4, 2 1/4, 7 and 22 horse power, respectively. All engines in first class condition. Bargains if paid at once. Wm. Mosher.

FURNITURE REPAIRING AND upholstering, and general repairing of all lines of wood or metal work, hair caning and electrical repair. J. G. Leverton, DuClos house, Durway street.

FOR Blue Bird bread and Model Berry cakes and pies and keep the money in town.

America has loaned European nations almost a billion and a half dollars in 1927. Evidently Uncle Sam is in the horrid old Shylock they paint him or they wouldn't be coming back for more.

Old Boreas Does His Stuff





A LITTLE TALK ON THRIFT

(By W. S. Straus, President American Society for Thrift.)

It is unfortunate that in much of the so-called thrift work in this country encouragement has been given only to the saving of money. One "foot-proof" is to be manufactured cannot, of course, say aught of such advice, excepting that it does not go \$3,000.

Abraham Lincoln once said that economy begins with saving money. What he had in mind was the great truth that in thrift the first steps consist of laying aside money, but that these primary practices do not constitute thrift in its entirety.

Let the nation learn the words of Lincoln that "economy begins with saving money," but let us emphasize the fact that Lincoln made use of the word "begin". Saving money is only the beginning of thrift.

Current events emphasize the need of widespread thrift education. There are thousands who have made the start by saving money, but, unfortunately, their thrift education has gone no further. As a result one reads in the papers almost daily of the exposure of individuals who have despoiled the cherished savings that grew in many cases penny by penny through a long term of years. No greater tragedies appear in the columns of the press than many of the stories of these misguided persons whose lifetime accumulations have been swept away.

Judging by the reports in the news, papers from day to day one seems safe in assuming that there is a rising tide of unscrupulous practices based on insufficient popular understanding of personal economics.

A great public duty confronts us all in putting forth every effort to end these machinations. As much attention should be given to teaching the correct uses of money as is given to the encouragement of saving money. Simply to preach "Save! Save!" is not enough.

Wise spending and prudent investing constitute just as much of the problem of personal economics as successful saving.

General Chiang Kai-shek, former dictator of South China, is not the only man who has been in the position of a leader without a following. Such leaders are numerous in this country. —Fort Wayne News-Sentinel.

Lindbergh's statement that he will not run for Congress indicates that he is still as smart as he is courageous. —Indianapolis News.

WHAT'S NEW

A new camera of Swedish invention is said to be an aid to the early diagnosis of certain diseases through the detection of symptoms disclosed by photographs of the eye.

A folding airplane designated as "foot-proof" is to be manufactured only to the saving of money. One "foot-proof" is to be manufactured cannot, of course, say aught of such advice, excepting that it does not go \$3,000.

An electric car to develop a speed of more than 200 miles an hour is claimed as the invention of an English engineer.

The British Army has a new one-man tank equipped with both caterpillar and rubber-tired wheels, capable of firing more than 100 shots a minute.

A German priest is developing a device which by pressing a button will throw an aviator from a falling plane, after which the pressing of another button will inflate his suit and enable him to float to earth like a balloon.

A new mechanical manicuring device operated by electricity is said to be seven times as rapid as a human manicurist.

SIDELIGHTS
By Marcy B. Darnall

How easily do you sign on the dotted line? To illustrate that few persons read a document they are asked to sign, an Eastern college professor made a talk to his class asking them to sign a petition that the birthday of a noted man be made a holiday. About 50 signed without reading the petition. It requested that the right arms of the signers be cut off at the elbow.

Before you get discouraged over minor misfortunes, think of what happened to Paul Kotay of Hammond, Ind. While working in a steel mill last June a hot steel rod pierced him under the jaw and came out through his temple, 22 feet of rod being pulled through his skull. Last week he was discharged from the hospital, ready to go to work again.

O. O. McIntyre tells of a publicity seeker who got more than he bargained for. He wired a comedian friend: "I am bringing my girl to the show tonight. If you can use my name in a gag I will appreciate it." The comedian complied by reading the telegram from the stage.

Most of us are on the verge of a revolt a good deal of the time, but we don't do anything because we're too tightly harnessed.

FINANCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL RESUME

(By Wm. McMahon, Pres. New York Institute of Financial Research, Inc.)

Steel looks better. New orders are coming in, especially from the railroads. Car loadings are disappointing and there has been a falling off in passenger business for a long time. Some of the motors will do well the fore-part of 1928, but there is bound to be price warfare especially among the low-priced cars. Oils are still handicapped by overproduction, but in a year's time the industry should be enjoying prosperity.

Overproduction now is vexing the textile business. A better co-operative is manifest, particularly in the worsted division. The powers of the federal government are relaxing in respect to trade associations. Cut-throat methods within given industries have hampered them heretofore. Next year will see attempts at self-cures particularly in Oils, Rubbers, Sugars, Steel, Textiles and Coppers. These should do better throughout the coming year.

Demands for electricity is growing. Cotton and grains are strong in price, coffee is quiet, agriculture is optimistic for the first time in three years, and money and credit are easy with our foreign trade in an advantageous position.

New financing has dropped off considerably, chain stores are recording gains in sales volume and the last quarter among the department stores was satisfactory.

Towards the middle of January we expect to see strength in the stock market, particularly in General Motors, United States Steel, American Car & Foundry, Continental Can, Wright Aeronautical, Congoleum, Simmons Co. and Packard. Profits may be taken in the utilities, most of them to be picked up again at the height of the Walsh senatorial investigation of Utilities about to take place.

Will Rogers, the lasso humorist, who was chumming with President Calles on a special train with an occasional stop for bull-throwing exhibitions, got back to Mexico City just in time, following the news that Mexican bandits had captured a circus train and carried off the performers.

Most of us are on the verge of a revolt a good deal of the time, but we don't do anything because we're too tightly harnessed.

NEWS REVIEW OF CURRENT EVENTS

Tragedy of Submarine S-4
—Hearst Is Bitterly Scored by Senators.

By EDWARD W. PICKARD

FORTY men went to their death when the submarine S-4 was rammed and sunk by the coast guard destroyer Paulding outside the harbor of Provincetown, Mass. At least six members of the crew survived for some days in the forward compartment, and there were desperate efforts to rescue them, frustrated by tempestuous weather. Divers went down, and communication was held with the imprisoned men by hammer tapping in code, the victims telling from time to time the steady depletion of their store of oxygen and pleading for speedy help. A big rescue boat stood by trying to devise means to get the men out or to get oxygen, food and water to them, and pontoons were gathered for raising the vessel; but by Wednesday evening all hope of saving any lives was abandoned, no further signals being received from the boat.

The men who were in the torpedo compartment during those agonizing days were Lieut. G. N. Pitch, R. L. Short, R. A. Crabb, George Peltier, Frank Shizik and J. L. Stevens.

One can but remark the pitiful lack of protection for submarine crews in such instances as this, and, reading Smith is the only man who can carry New York for the Democrats, and declaring the "so-called religious issue dead forever."

Gov. Henry J. Allen of Kansas says the dry Democrats of that state seem determined to climb aboard the wet Smith band wagon in order to be with the winner. The Republican Kansas delegation, he says, will be for Senator Curtis as long as he is in the running. Afterwards the majority, he thinks, will go to Hoover, as will the governor himself and William Allen White.

CONTROVERSY over farm relief came up again in the house when Representative Haugen of Iowa reintroduced the McNary-Haugen bill with a number of changes. The equalization fee, which furnished one of the chief reasons for the veto of the bill by President Coolidge, is retained, but a concession is made in the method of appointment of members of the proposed federal farm board.

The bill differs in some respects from the modified McNary bill introduced recently in the senate. The McNary bill also retains the equalization clause. The \$250,000,000 revolving fund provided under the old McNary-Haugen bill is increased in the new Haugen bill to \$400,000,000. The new McNary bill retains the \$250,000 limit. The Haugen bill authorizes the board to enter into marketing agreements on all agricultural commodities.

CHIEF JUSTICE BRANSON of Oklahoma, who, together with the governor and others, was impeached by the house of representatives, called a lot of the legislators as witnesses in his case and asked why they impeached him. The answer in general was because it was the sentiment of the people they represented, but the lawmakers admitted they heard no evidence supporting their action. Speaker Hill of the house, however, testified that the charges themselves, as read to the house, were sufficient evidence on which to warrant a vote for impeachment. The main charge against Branson was that he declared illegal the special session called to impeach the governor.

FANKLY determined to set him free if possible, the jury in the case of George Remus, ex-bootleg king, who killed his wife in Cincinnati, acquitted him "on the sole ground of insanity." The judge had instructed the jurors that that was the only ground on which they could return a verdict of not guilty. A sanity trial automatically was certified to the Probate court, and December 28 was set for those proceedings. Spokesmen for the jurors—ten men and two women—said that all of them wanted to send Remus from the courtroom a free man, feeling that he had been greatly wronged and had suffered almost beyond human endurance. Another potent argument is thus furnished the opponents of the jury system in criminal cases.

WHILE Mrs. Evangeline Lindbergh was flying by easy stages from Detroit to Mexico City to spend Christmas with her famous son, that young man was giving eminent Mexicans and some others the treat of their lives. Piloting a commercial plane he never had seen before, Lindbergh took President Calles up for his first experience of aviation, and the President enjoyed it immensely. Then the colonel took as passengers in succession General Obregon, who is going to succeed Calles, American Ambassador Morrow and other distinguished persons. The correspondents say that Lindbergh has inspired more aviation ambition than the Mexican government will be able to satisfy in the next five years. Hundreds of officers of the army, who had previously looked with more or less disrepect on aviation, now are anxious, if not to join the aviation corps, at least to learn aviation.

Then Acting Chairman Britton of Illinois and other members of the committee got into action, and to the innocent bystander it seemed as if they thoroughly riddled the admiral's vessel with their shots. They criticized him severely for not furnishing the committee with actual plans for cutting the naval expenditures and asserted that the adoption of all his suggestions would cost the government at least \$1,000,000,000. Though contending that his proposals were sound, the admiral did not say what it would cost to complete the dredging of Pearl Harbor in the Hawaiian Islands, or what would be the cost of erecting new buildings on the coast and transferring the stations. He had asserted that it cost the government \$2,500,000 to operate the Great Lakes station last year, and Mr. Britton replied that he had taken the trouble to check up and found the navy estimates the savings if the Great Lakes station is abolished at \$200,000 annually. Admiral Magruder had advised the abolishing of the naval transport system, and stuck to this even after the committee showed him that last March Gen. H. C. Smithers, chief co-ordinator for the government, submitted a report showing that the navy transport service had been operated during the past year for less than the same work could have been done by private ships.

THAT France does not intend to give in to extreme Fascist opinion concerning a new partition of the African colonies was made apparent when the chamber of deputies passed by a large majority the new naval program. Before voting, the deputies applauded violently this statement by Victor Bremond: "Regardless of the peaceful intentions toward Italy, France must have mastery of the Mediterranean and cannot sacrifice its position under any circumstances."

IT IS believed that 500,000 persons suspected of being communists have been killed by the Chinese Nationalists in their violent revolt against Soviet influence, and executions are continuing at Canton and Hankow, averaging 100 a day at the former city. All Russians are be-

ing expelled from the regime, 22 persons are spared. Among those who faced the firing squads was the Soviet vice consul at Canton, M. Hassis.

AMONG the deaths that should be recorded are those of Senator A. Jones of New Mexico, who succumbed to angina pectoris; Willis W. Moore, former chief of the government weather bureau, and King Ben Purcell, leader of the House of Delegates at Benton Harbor, Mich., who bitterly disappointed his followers by not rising from the dead.

FARM GROUPS GATHER FOR STATE MEETINGS

Annual Farmers Week Magnet for Michigan Crops and Livestock Producers

East Lansing, Jan. 5.—The annual gathering of the agricultural clans of Michigan will take place January 30 to February 3 at East Lansing, according to an announcement by members of the College staff who have been in charge of the program for Farmers Week.

Forty-five Associations of Michigan farmers will hold their annual meetings at the College at that time. The associations represent people interested in soil improvement, live stock breeding, and the production of dairy products, fruit, flowers, potatoes, or grains. Sectional meetings for farm women have been arranged to interest the rural home maker. Food used to be something that would stick to the ribs, but now women want to know whether the food placed on their tables meets the nutritional needs of their family.

Afternoon and evening sessions at Farmers Week will be occupied by the general programs which will provide an opportunity for nationally known men and women to present their views upon rural conditions. Arrangements have been completed for holding seven shows during the week. Michigan farmers will exhibit potatoes, grain, apples, eggs, and honey. Winning exhibits from preceding shows will be on display at the potato and grain show.

MARK HISTORIC PLACES

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 30.—Michigan communities interested in the tourist and resort business should follow the example of Marquette and Chippewa counties in the Upper Peninsula in marking spots within those counties of historical interest. The Michigan Property Owner suggests editorially in its January issue, soon to be off the press.

Each of the two upper peninsula counties has marked a dozen or more sites connected with the civic, political or industrial history of the county, a story in the Property Owner states, as an additional feature of interest to tourists who come through their communities each summer.

There are many spots of great historical interest throughout the state and in the regions principally devoted to the resort business few of these have been marked or, if marked, no attempt is made to draw them to the attention of the tourist or make them available through good roads and road markings. History, Indian lore and geology interest a high of tourists, the editorial points out, and if Michigan communities will develop these attractions as New England has, many tourists who merely drive through to look at the scenery will stop for a week, a month, a season or become permanent summer residents.

THE WISE FRIEND

Once upon a time—and not very long ago—there was a brother and sister who had a friend. A very special friend he was, who told them stories about men who flew through the earth; of boys and girls who had thrilling and mysterious adventures; of others who had most unusual situations confront them, yet managed to come through their tests with steadfast and courageous hearts; of wild animals in deep jungles—how they lived, hunted and died. Such a host of things did their good friend tell them of, and how interestingly he told them of, and how interestingly he told them of,

Came the time when their friend moved away to another town. Brother and sister were saddened by his going, for they knew they would miss his cheery smile and the wonderful stories and amusing anecdotes he was so fond of telling them. Then one day the postman brought them a letter from their friend, in which he told them he was sending them The Youth's Companion so that they would not forget him, and that in it they would find just the sort of stories they had so much enjoyed hearing him tell.

And sure enough, a day or two later the magazine arrived, and brother and sister found that it truly did have just such wonderful stories of adventure and sport and mystery, and just such jokes as they loved so well. And every time that a new number of The Youth's Companion arrived, they wrote a note to their friend and told him how much pleasure the magazine gave them.

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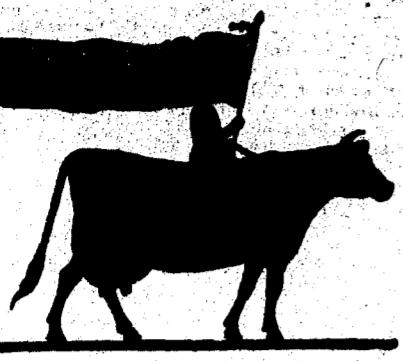
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Farm Bureau Notes

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"If vain our toil, we ought to blame the culture (management), not the soil!"—Alexander Pope.

Pigs in Pigs."

If there ever was a book containing a good, wholesome laugh, it is Parker's little book bearing the above title. You ought to read it.

However, it is not my plan to try to make this article funny. I would like to make it so practical that many of our farmers will take up with it and add an overlooked but valuable source of income to Crawford County farming—skillful hog growing.

This side line is not pushed in the county as all it should be.

If a farmer is in need of one hundred to several hundred dollars more money than the farm usually yields, let him get it by having a bunch of hogs, quickly and well finished, to turn off in the fall.

Old Talk

I know the old line of talk: "This isn't a corn country." I guess that if there is any money in hogs some one would have found it out long ago.

Why Bring Up the Subject Now?

This article is written this week for good reasons:

(1) It is exactly the time of year at which brood sows ought to be bred, in order to have the first of the two yearly litters arrive at the right time in the spring.

(2) It's just the right time to make up your mind to make a start with hogs, and to make your plans.

Quick Returns

If a farmer is a good feeder, and a careful caretaker, he certainly makes a quick turn over of his money with hogs; in early spring. The sow is all of his hog stock that shows. Less than seven months, the same sow, with possibly a family of fourteen finished hogs, nearly as large as the mother, ready for market.

Eating Their Heads Off

The man who detests a good clean hog; or one who thinks that any cold corner is good enough for a hog; or one who beigrades every pound of grain fed; or one too shiftless to provide good pasture; or one who tries to grow 20 hogs on the feed that 10 ought to get, such had better stay out of the hog business, for they will not get anywhere, excepting into debt, through it.

A Thrifty Hog Is Good to Look At

A hog is a clean animal, if given a chance. One given clean bedding and room enough will always keep the sleeping quarters clean, far clearer than a horse or cow.

With the hog clean, free from worms, and rapidly gaining in weight, you have one of the most encouraging forms of livestock.

To see the clean animal almost grow before your eyes is an appetizing sight for a farmer.

Ten or twelve finished 200-pound hogs, out of one brood sow, in six months from birth, will bring in a fine lump of money.

A Few Suggestions

Professor F. W. Wolf, author of the book, "Productive Feeding of Farm Animals," offers some very practical suggestions in the chapter on "Feeding Swine." I will copy a few of them for those enterprising farmers who may not have the book. While I have found in books and bulletins some of the best ideas I ever put into practice on "Groveland Farm"; while last year's class of 10 Master Farmers in Michigan, as well as this year's class of the same number, all say that they owe much to ideas gained from books and bulletins, yet, I know that the mention of a book or bulletin is to some farmers like a red rag waved before a bull.

Though a bulletin may contain the condensed essence of a specialist's life and experience, let the specialist or investigator try to let the world have the benefit of that experience through a little bulletin of 10 or 12 printed pages, instead of trying to tell it to everybody by word of mouth, and the same good ideas at once become fairly poison to some people.

With Apologies

With apologies to the latter class, I will give here a few thoughts from Professor Wolf's "Swine Feeding" that will certainly help an open-minded man.

Next to the dairy cow, the hog is the most economical producer of human food material among our farm animals, and it stands close to the cow in this respect.

Best results in feeding pigs are secured when they receive good, wholesome food, and one given careful attention.

Under these conditions, swine raising is especially profitable.

It will, as a rule, yield quicker and relatively larger results than any other branch of animal husbandry.

The largest returns for amount of feed eaten are secured from young pigs.

The amount of feed required for a pound of gain is smallest in young pigs, and increases steadily with advancing age.

Grinding corn for fattening pigs in general does not pay.

Experiments with small grains and rags have shown that there is a saving of 12.3 per cent (about 1/4) by grinding.

Cooked feeds takes more to produce 100 pounds of gain than uncooked, besides expense of cooking, and has been abandoned, except in case of a few feeds like potatoes, field peas, roots, chopped mutton hay, which are occasionally steamed to induce larger

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consumption or to improve palatability of the feed.

No decided advantage is secured by soaking feed.

Corn is, above all, a fattening feed, and stands at the head of desirable concentrates for finishing fattening swine.

It is not well adapted for feeding alone to young growing pigs. Much damage has been done our swine industry through the abuse of this grain as an exclusive feed for young, growing pigs.

Young animals must receive a combination of feeds that will develop a body with normal bone structure, muscles and internal organs.

As corn is deficient in protein and mineral matter, pigs require some additional feeds besides corn, like skim milk, or middlings, or peas, or tankage, to build up strong frame.

Barley may almost take the place of corn. It gives best results with pigs if rolled or ground.

Oats are not a satisfactory swine feed, on account of their high fibre content, except for breeding stock and shoats not being fattened. In case of such animals, oats may be fed whole scattered on ground or on a feeding floor, so as to give the animals exercise.

Results from feeding skim milk and corn to pigs depend on the proportion in which the two are given.

Skim milk alone will produce very unsatisfactory results in feeding pigs; and more than five or six pounds of skim milk per pound of corn is also likely to give poor returns.

The results of a large number of trials at the Agricultural College of Wisconsin showed that a proportion of 3 pounds of skim milk to 1 pound of grain will give most economical results in gain of live weight.

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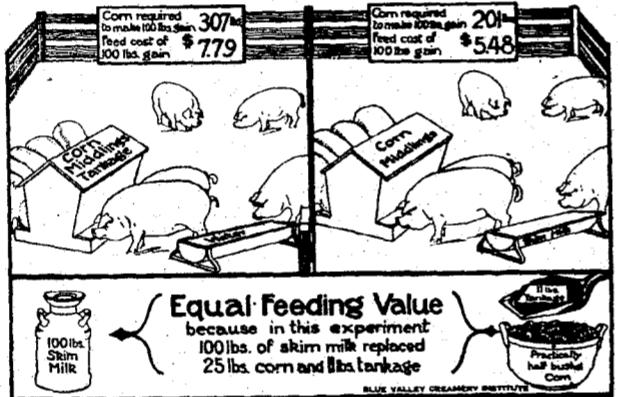
DIPPING INTO SCIENCE

The Coconut Crab

There is a certain kind of crab which lives on coconuts. The largest of the crab family makes a home for himself among the roots of the coconut tree and lives conveniently near the source of supply. As much as a quart of pure oil is obtained from these crabs as a result of this coconut diet.

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Did you ever notice that all the husband killers immediately put on deep mourning for them.



Best Men Those of Today

Some one wrote lately that there was no great man alive in the world today.

I go further than that; there never has been and never will be one. What is known as a human being, with the natural weakness of his mind and body, cannot become great.

I am surprised we do as well as we are doing. And while it always has been the rule to abuse ourselves and praise the men of the past—or those splendid creatures who are to come after us—I have no doubt that men living today are the best that ever lived.

In my grumbling at life, I am rather more astonished at the men of the past than I am at the men of the present.—E. D. Howe's Monthly.

American Pie Supreme

Pie is forever embowered among the cherished sentimental institutions of this republic. It had its origin here, as it has had its rise. She is forgotten long since the matron who first designed a pie, but this newspaper has no least hesitancy in saying that she is as deserving of tribute as is Betty Ross.

It is true that there were pies in England, at the time the Colonists set sail, but never such pies as ours. They were heavy pastries of venison, pheasant and beef, and hence—although they loaned the name to ours—are not to be considered by us as constituting true pies.

The pie, the valid and beloved pie, is as American as Mark Twain.—Portland Oregonian.

World's Steam Wells

Geyser Creek canyon, about seventy-five miles from San Francisco, has seven steam wells. Tardito, Italy, has several. There are, however, few localities where natural steam wells are possible. Volcanic action must have brought the heated interior of the earth's crust close to the surface, and conditions must be favorable for water to reach the heated rock masses through natural channels. Other such regions are the Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes in Alaska, a region in Japan, one in northern Chile and one in New Zealand.

Perambulator Chauffeur

No one would think of acquiring an automobile and running it without some study and understanding of it, but thousands of people acquire children and do not think it is necessary to study or understand them.—Woman's Home Companion.

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Fall Freshening Cows Most Profitable



BIGGER PROFIT IN WINTER DAIRYING

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Fall freshening cows are more profitable butterfat producers than those starting their milking year in the spring, says the Blue Valley Creamery Institute. In other words, winter dairying is more profitable than summer dairying.

Although spring freshening cows have the advantage of starting their milking year under ideal feed conditions provided by an abundance of luxuriant, nutritious pasture—the cheapest and best of all feeds—such a favorable environment is short lived.

A few weeks later the heat of summer is upon them. Good pasture is less abundant. Pressing work in the field does not permit the farmer to give his cows the attention they require. Flies add to the discomfort of the cows, their milkers and the calves. As a result, cows go down in production and stay down. No method of feeding has yet been found which will bring them back to good production after they have been permitted to go down. Furthermore, butterfat prices are generally lower in spring and summer than at any other time of the year.

EDITORIAL PARAGRAPHS

The Soviet government is "merciless with insurgents." Thus the perfect state speaks its object. Violence for virtue is its method of progression.—New York Sun.

As war is causing a famine in China, we might as well get ready to have the hat passed in this country.—Indianapolis News.

Cheap labor may be dearest in the end.—Boston Herald.

A small town may be defined as one that hasn't at least one traffic light, whether needed or not.—Ohio State Journal.

"The Republican Party's sole object," says Senator Walsh, "is to make the men of wealth safe." This will include rich Democrats, of course.—Boston Globe.

Do You Know?

Questions—14

1—What president was elected by the house of representatives?

2—Where did the United States flag first fly in the face of an enemy, and when?

3—What causes a lump in a person's throat?

4—What is the hottest place in the United States?

5—Who is the British open golf champion?

6—What composer was not only a master of dramatic music, but was also a dramatist of great genius?

7—Which continent, in proportion to area, has the longest coast line?

8—Who wrote a famous diary in shorthand, which was not deciphered for a hundred years?

9—Who said: "Look! There is Jackson standing like a stone wall!"

10—in what country is most of the diamond cutting done?

Answers—14

1—John Quincy Adams.

2—Fort Schuyler, New York, 1777.

3—Sudden emotion causes the muscles of the throat to work upward pressing against the windpipe, and causing one to feel as if there was a lump in the throat.

4—Death Valley in California.

5—R. T. Jones, Jr., of Atlanta, Ga.

6—Europe.

7—Samuel Pepys

8—General Bee of the Confederate Army.

10—Belgium.

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LOCAL NEWS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 1928

G. C. Macdonald, of Bay City was a Grayling business caller Tuesday.

Walter Bell of Flint, spent a couple of days here last week visiting friends.

Miss Margaret Burrows of Flint is visiting at the home of her brother, Arnold Burrows and family.

Phil Van Patten who has been making his home in Grayling for several months, returned to Flint last week.

Mrs. William Green and children of Detroit are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kasmus Madson for a few days this week.

Mrs. George N. Olson left Tuesday for Gaylord to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Clark for a couple of days.

Part of the Frank Smith & Son garage and gas station at West Branch was destroyed by fire Tuesday morning.

Terry O'Brien of Lansing is the new yardmaster at the Michigan Central yard office here. He was a resident of Grayling when a boy.

Miss Edith Oldstrom returned to her home in Detroit Tuesday, after spending a few days visiting with her sister, Mrs. Charles Adams and family.

I am collecting taxes at my office in my service station every day from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Alfred Hanson, Twp. Treas.

Frank Rockwell informs us that the toboggan slide at Gaylord is ready for use and invites Grayling people to come up there next Sunday and enjoy it.

A large crowd attended the first showing of the new Chevrolet cars at the Temple theatre last Monday. During the afternoon, McNeven's orchestra rendered many selections.



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Dances at the Temple Saturday, Jan. 7th—Alumni association. James Lovreys, of Oscineygen spent a few days here last week.

R. J. Peterson, of Rosedale City, spent New Year's visiting friends here.

Claud St. Pierre has gone to Niles, where he is employed by the Michigan Central Railroad Co.

Come to the Temple, Saturday, Jan. 7th. Dance to Grayling's new dance band. Gents 75¢ Ladies free.

Miss Helga Jorgenson who has been a patient at Mercy Hospital for the past six weeks, was dismissed Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter McNeven and family returned from Petoskey Friday where they spent the holidays with relatives.

Miss Kathryn Brown left Friday for Flint where she spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Edward Creque Jr., and family.

E. P. Platt and W. D. Hickin of the Alpens, Onaway Telephone Company, were Grayling business callers the middle of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dell Wait left for Flint Saturday where they will visit for a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Woods.

Herman Hansen returned to Flint Friday after spending a few days visiting his mother, Mrs. Hansen and family.

Miss Angels Amborski returned to her duties at the Cooley Gift Shop Tuesday, after spending the holidays with her parents at Gaylord.

Mrs. Spencer Holst and son Spencer returned to Detroit Friday after spending a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles McCullough.

Mrs. Walter Woodson Jr., returned to her home in Salisbury, N. C., Saturday after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bauman.

Edmond Houghton is carrying his left hand in a sling as the result of having the thumb smashed last Thursday while loading pulpwood at Lovell.

Miss Rose Cassidy who has been on a case for Dr. McCalpin of Gaylord at Indian River for the past couple of weeks, returned to her home here Saturday.

Charles Miller and Van Stewart of Flint were guests on Thursday of Esbern Hanson Jr. The young men came up to be in attendance at the Charity Ball.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Arnold of Ypsilanti, visited at the home of Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Keyport a couple of days last week, coming to be in attendance at the Charity Ball.

C. P. Kline, Superintendent of Schools at Akron, Mich., and Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Albertson also of Akron, were holiday guests of Rev. and Mrs. J. Wilfred Greenwood.

Miss Marguerite Montour of Bay City, visited her parents from Thursday until Monday. She was accompanied to Bay City by her sister, Miss Genevieve who will spend a few days with her.

The Ladies Aid society of the Michelson Memorial church will meet with Mrs. Sigwald Hanson, Friday afternoon, Jan 6th. Everyone is asked to be present.

Mercy Hospital Aid society will meet at the home of Mrs. Marius Hanson on Thursday, January 12th. Mrs. J. K. Hanson and Mrs. Charles Tromble will assist in entertaining.

Mrs. Samuel Johnson, a highly respected resident of Frederic for over 20 years passed away at her home in that village Tuesday afternoon at the age of 62 years. The funeral will be held Friday afternoon with interment in the Frederic cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Capstraw and family of Detroit arrived Saturday to spend New Years with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Trudeau Sr. and family. Mrs. Capstraw and family will remain for a longer visit.

Leo Schram, Vernon Klingensmith and John Brewster of Owosso, who played with the Humbert-Whitney orchestra for the Charity Ball last Thursday, enjoyed a couple of days with friends here. Leo Schram visited with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Schram.

A volume of bound files of the Avalanche for the years 1908 and 1904 have been borrowed from this office and not returned. Anyone having knowledge of their whereabouts will confer great favor by notifying this office. It is important that these be found.

O. P. Schumann, Pub'r.

Willard Covert, a graduate of Grayling High School died at his home in Pasadena, Calif., Dec. 16th. While in Grayling he made his home with Dr. and Mrs. Oscar Palmer. He was known among his boyhood friends as "Descon." He is survived by his widow and three children.

Heard Charles Ross Taggart at Michelson Memorial church Tuesday evening, January 10th. 7:45 o'clock sharp is the hour. Mr. Taggart is with the Redpath Lyceum bureau and has an open date that was offered the local committee in charge of the course this year. You will miss a treat if you don't hear him.

The Salvation Class on the South Side, wish through these lines, to express their gratitude and appreciation to those of this city who so lovingly remembered them in their efforts to make the Christmas program for the Sunday School a perfect success. Also for fuel, etc., they extend a heartfelt thanks, mixed with love and best wishes for 1928.

The first party of a card tournament that is being put on by the local council K. of C., as a pre-lenten affair for the Catholic people was held Tuesday evening at the American Legion hall. The scores are to be kept from one evening to the other and at the final party, a grand prize will be awarded to the lady and gent holding the highest scores of the series. The parties are held on the first and third Tuesday evenings of the month.

Mr. E. P. Platt and Mr. Hickin of Alpens were in the city Friday of last week to complete the transaction of purchasing the Grayling Telephone Co. interests, for Dr. O. M. Vaughan of South Haven. The purchasers now own and operate the telephone systems of Alpens, Onaway, Millersburg, Gaylord, Vanderbilt, Grayling and Roscommon. Besides these lines they own and operate telephone lines in three counties near South Haven. Mr. Platt is at the head of the Northern Michigan lines and Mr. Hickin has charge of the plants.

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Mrs. Harry Pond who spent a few days in Lansing returned home Wednesday.

O. F. Barnes of Lansing was a Grayling business caller Friday.

Mrs. Lillian Ryan is in charge as chief operator at the local telephone exchange, under the new management.

Mrs. Henry Ney of Detroit was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Smith on New Year's day.

Mrs. B. B. DeLaMater and family of Saginaw are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Eckens.

Mrs. Roy Bricker and son Rex, returned to their home in Royal Oak Friday, after spending part of the holidays with her sister, Mrs. O. W. Hanson and family.

Miss Dorothy May returned Thursday from Pineconning where she visited relatives and friends for a few days.

Glenn Smith and Charles Clauson visited at the Woodrow Fitzpatrick home in West Branch over New Year's.

Coach Lavere Cushman, who spent the holidays at his home in Mt. Pleasant Thursday to be in attendance at the Charity Ball and to visit with his wife and mother, Mrs. Anna Hermann and family. He was accompanied here by Mrs. Lorane Sparkes and son Jack who had been in Lansing several days consulting a specialist in regards to young Jack's health.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Wheeler and daughters, Mary Ann and Bina Louise enjoyed a visit with relatives in Standish, Flint and Pontiac over the New Year's holiday.

Mr. Otto Roeser and son, Dr. Waldemar Roeser, of Pontiac were in Mrs. Hewitt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Fletcher at the Military Reservation. Mrs. Roeser and son remained for a longer visit.

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LeRoy Smith who has been spending several years in the West, arrived in Grayling last week to visit his sister, Mrs. Carl Peterson and family. Mr. Smith resided in Grayling at one time being employed in the baking department of the Model Bakery.

The Misses Ella and Margaret Hanson returned to the Bennett School for girls at Millbrook, N. Y., Tuesday afternoon. They were accompanied as far as Detroit by their mother, Mrs. Oscar Hanson.

Mrs. Jesse Schoonover, Mrs. Carl Peterson, Mrs. Harold Jarmain and Mrs. Emil Giegling, motored to Saginaw Wednesday to hear the noted young singer, Miss Marion Talley, who is singing in one of the theatres at that place.

Esbern Hanson Jr. and Miss Virginia Hanson left Monday for their school work, Miss Virginia for Chicago and Esbern Jr. for St. John's Military Academy at Delafield, Wis. The latter's father accompanied them as far as Saginaw.

Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Keyport were hosts to a few friends at a very delightful dinner at Shoppenagans Inn Saturday evening to honor Mr. Michelson Memorial church, called on and Mrs. Oscar Lubnau of Detroit. The guests included besides the old year out and the new year in, Joseph, Dr. and Mrs. C. G. Clippert, Games were enjoyed during the evening after which a delicious pot luck meal was served.

Gets His Medal After 62 Years



Here are Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Hopkins of Boonton, N. J., admiring the Congressional Medal of Honor and a citation for distinguished gallantry under fire during the Civil War that were awarded Hopkins 62 years ago, but which had just reached him. The delay of the award was due to the veteran's reluctance to apply personally for the honor. The couple have just celebrated the sixty-first anniversary of their wedding.

Miss Anne McNeven, a teacher in the Detroit public schools, spent the New Years week-end at the Peter McNeven home.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Herbison and son, returned from Lansing Thursday where they had been visiting relatives and friends for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gross of Detroit visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Swanson and family and Mr. and Mrs. John Gross and family over the holidays.

Mrs. Elizabeth Jerome left for her home in Lansing Monday night after having spent the holidays with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Bates.

Read your Home Paper

New Victor Records every Friday at Central Drug Store.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Michelson Memorial church will meet at the home of Mrs. Alfred Bebb on Wednesday afternoon, January 11.

POSTAL TEST

Men—18 to 50 years of age interested in trying for local appointment as Rural Mail Carrier—av. sal. \$1800 write Postal Correspondence School, Franklin Natl. Bldg., Washington, D. C. for authentic information. No obligation. Full advice. Est. 1918 by a former Asst. Postmaster General.

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NEWS REVIEW OF CURRENT EVENTS

Mexico Backing Down in Oil Land Controversy With United States.

By EDWARD W. PICKARD

FIRST fruits of the efforts of Ambassador Dwight Morrow in Mexico and the "good will" flight of Col. Charles A. Lindbergh the capital of that republic are seen in the action of the Mexican house of deputies in the oil land controversy which has been the main barrier to entirely friendly relations between the two countries. Dug on by President Cárdenas, the house passed a bill wiping out the provision requiring owners of oil lands acquired prior to May 1, 1917, to exchange their fee simple titles for concessions terminating in fifty years.

This provision was a part of the law carrying into effect the constitution of 1917 nationalizing Mexican natural resources. The retroactive application of this and other provisions to American properties acquired before the new constitution went into effect was objected to by the American government as confiscatory. Several months ago the Mexican Supreme court held the provision unconstitutional, but under Mexican law a law is not nullified until the Supreme court has held it invalid in five decisions. President Cárdenas did not wait for the five decisions before yielding to the contentions of the American State department. Although news dispatches from Mexico City attribute the action of Cárdenas to the friendlier relations established by Morrow and Lindbergh, there is ample ground for the belief that the Mexican President was forced to take the step by the virtual state of bankruptcy of the Mexican government.

That the American government also is in a conciliatory mood was evidenced by its intention to relax the embargo on export of war munitions and military equipment to Mexico. The first instance of this relaxation was the permission given by the State department for the purchase by the Mexican government of the Ford airplane in which Mrs. Lindbergh flew to Mexico City.

COLONEL LINDBERGH terminated his Mexican visit Wednesday, when he hopped off for a tour of Central America. Escorted by seven Mexican planes, the Spirit of St. Louis took the air early in the morning, skinned past the great volcanoes Popocatépetl and Ixtaccíhuatl, and was en route to Guatemala City, the first scheduled stop, 675 miles away. About seven hours later he was being most enthusiastically welcomed by the Guatemalans. His tour will take him to Panama, where great things are planned, and thence he will fly back by way of Honduras and Progreso to Havana, Cuba.

Mrs. Evangeline Lindbergh bade her son farewell as he left Mexico City, and a few minutes later she and her companions from Detroit started on their flight back to Michigan. They headed for Tampico and were accompanied by two Mexican army planes.

AT THIS writing hope for the amphibian monoplane Dawn has dwindled almost to the vanishing point, and it is believed Mrs. Frances Grayson and her companions, Oskar Ondal, Bruce Goldsborough and Fred Koehler, have packed. Starting from Roosevelt

field, New York, for Harbor Grace, Newfoundland, on what was intended to be the first leg of a flight to Croydon, England, the Dawn immediately ran into rough weather and, save for a fragmentary SOS call picked up Sunday by the Canadian wireless station on Sable Island, has not been heard from. At that time the plane was long overdue at Harbor Grace. On Monday a cable operator on the opposite side of Trinity bay from Harbor Grace picked up part of a call which it was surmised might be from the Dawn, and it was thought possible the Grayson party might be down in some isolated spot not far away. Meanwhile a number of American destroyers, the dirigible Los Angeles and all vessels in the region sought diligently for traces of the missing plane, examining waters and the coast carefully but without result. The search, however, was continued.

HARST'S wonderful Mexican documents were still further discredited when Frank J. McLaughlin, a civil engineer of Mexico City, appeared voluntarily before the senate investigating committee and declared that Miguel Avila, who procured the papers, was "a notorious purveyor of documents." McLaughlin, who said he knew nothing of the papers published in the Hearst papers purporting to show creation of a \$1,215,000 fund for four United States senators, told the committee that Avila had peddled "twenty or thirty worthless documents" to him, including one purporting to have come from the American embassy.

This latter, McLaughlin said, was brought to him by Avila in Mexico City. McLaughlin was then vice president of the El Sol Petroleum company, which has a contract with the Mexican government. It consisted of a single typewritten sheet of American embassy stationery offering to disclose for \$10,000 with \$1,000 down what transpired between Secretary Kellogg and Ambassador Shepherd upon the envoy's visit to Washington. Although the paper was unsigned, McLaughlin related that Avila told him Arthur E. Lane, then first secretary of the American embassy, was outside the building in an automobile and would furnish the information. McLaughlin said he did not believe Avila's story and told him so. That Lane had any part in such a scheme was denied on behalf of the State department, although the department itself declined to dignify the story with a formal denial.

J. P. MORGAN has been elected chairman of the board of the United States Steel corporation to succeed the late Elbert H. Gary. James A. Farrell continues as president and chief executive, and Myron C. Taylor as chairman of the finance committee will supervise the concern's fiscal policies. The three thus form a triumvirate to direct the affairs of the great corporation. Mr. Morgan will perform no executive duties, but will be responsible in a general way for the corporation's operations. Mr. Farrell will be the chief executive officer.

Closely related to the steel corporation was the announcement in New York that Harold Stanley, president of the Guaranty company of New York, will become a partner in J. P. Morgan & Co., successor to the late W. Morrow, recently appointed United States ambassador to Mexico. Mr. Stanley, who is only forty-two years old, has been president of the Guaranty company since December, 1921. He also is vice president of the Guaranty Trust company.

SHIRTY-NINE exceptions, disputing the findings of Charles Evans

Hughes, who as special master for the United States Supreme court upheld Chicago's right to divert Lake Michigan water for sanitary purposes, have been filed in the report by William W. Rogers, attorney general of Michigan. Michigan, and five other lake states—Minnesota, Wisconsin, Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York—were ordered by the court to file their exceptions to the Hughes report before January 8, and Michigan was the first to comply.

The Michigan exceptions attack practically every major conclusion of fact and law recommended in his report by Master Hughes and reassert the common contention of all the complaining states that neither the War department nor congress has power to authorize diversion of water from one watershed to another.

HUNDREDS of savants from all parts of the country gathered in Nashville, Tenn., for the eighty-fourth annual convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and it was noted that, out of courtesy to those hosts, the word "evolution" was entirely absent from their program! The convention officials explained also that they sought to demonstrate to the people of the state that while evolution may be a fundamental hypothesis in biology, it is only one of the important subjects investigated in the broad field of science.

Dr. L. H. Bailey of Ithaca, retiring president, was absent because of illness and his place on the program was given to Dr. Sylvanus G. Morley, anthropologist of the Carnegie Institution. He told of the institution's investigation of the remarkable civilization developed by the Mayas, 2,000 years ago in what is now Guatemala and Mexico.

Dr. Clarence C. Little, president of the University of Michigan, laid before the association a program for pushing out the boundaries of man's knowledge of man. Citing the fact that there is a growing insistence "that the supply of defective should be controlled and diminished by preventing their reproduction," he emphasized the importance of turning from insects to mammals, such as cats, dogs, rabbits, mice, and rats, in the laboratory phase of experimental genetics.

THE necessity of immediate legislation empowering the War department to build up the nation's depleted munitions reserve by placing "educational orders" with private concerns is stressed by Secretary of War Davis in letters received by the chairman of the senate and house committees on military affairs.

The war secretary points out that failure of this government to place munitions orders with private concerns since the war has resulted in the disappearance of the munitions industry with the single exception of certain kinds of ammunition. He asks that the department be allowed to give annual orders to private concerns not only for ammunition, but for pilot models of the newly developed artillery and infantry weapons recently demonstrated at the army proving ground at Aberdeen.

NOTWITHSTANDING Secretary Davis' complaint, President Coolidge believes the American army and navy are in better shape now than they ever before have been in peace time. He told the White House correspondents that the budget policy toward appropriations for the armed services were liberal and in keeping with the nation's needs. In this connection he pointed out that budget estimates for the next fiscal year carry approximately \$100,000,000 more for national defense purposes than was carried in the budgets of two or three years ago. Congress also has been generous with appropriations, the President believes. In view of the President's expressed attitude, there is apparently little hope that he will ask for the appointment of a board to study the munitions situation.

ADVERTISING BOOSTS

Evidence continues to pile up to the effect that the great advertisers of the country are coming more and more to recognize the fact that the newspaper is the best medium for advertising their wares.

John B. Spiker, president of the Cincinnati Real Estate Board recently told the Advertisers Club of that city, that the newspaper was undoubtedly the best medium for advertising real estate. Mr. Spiker told members of the club that it certainly pays to advertise real estate and that both classified and display space in newspapers are valuable for this purpose.

Among other things the speaker emphasized the following points:

"Don't confine all of your advertising to the classified ads. Try display advertising."

"Your ads should have a sentimental appeal instead of the old stereotype appeals of 'Cheaper to own your own home than to pay rent.' 'Bar-gain price.' Argument that you can sell your home at a profit any time you want is profitable."

"Your ads should be drawn so as to get prospects. That is the province of advertising. An ad will not sell a house."

"Advertising continuously, and don't take for granted that the public is sold on the idea of home ownership."

J. C. McQuiston, advertising manager of the Westinghouse Electric in a recent address in Chicago reiterated the fact that the local newspaper is the best advertising medium. Some of the reasons he gave, from his company's viewpoint, according to the Associated Press were:

First, intimacy—enabling the company to give itself a local identity helpful to salesmen.

Second, flexibility. "We can emphasize our products for a given industry in those sections where such industry predominates," he said.

Third, co-operative tie-in advertising with local dealers.

Fourth, reader interest—nearly every worth-while American buys and reads his daily paper.

The fifth advantage he listed as instant action—today's shopping news is responsible for today's selling.

Sixth, telling the public the industry's story; the opportunity to reach the masses with messages of local import and at timely seasons.

Seventh, the advantage of both localizing and nationalizing advertising.

Eighth, provides a method checking results.

The business man who doesn't believe in newspaper advertising is now rare indeed.

DIPPING INTO SCIENCE

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NEW YORK CENTRAL LINES LEAD IN AUTOMATIC TRAIN CONTROL

Protective System Now in Service on Practically Entire Main Line

New York, Jan. 1.—Trains on the New York Central Lines, with the advent of the New Year, 1928, will be operated under the protection of an automatic train control system over a total of 1,770 miles of main line, comprised of 4715 miles of track, with 1922 locomotives equipped with the necessary mechanism to function in conjunction with the track system which are calculated to prevent accidents.

This record attained by the New York Central Lines places them in the lead of all the railroads of the country in the installation of this automatic protection for trains, both passenger and freight. The New York Central mileage as equipped represents more than one-third of the total mileage placed under similar protection by all the railroads of the United States.

On the New York Central Railroad the new year will find automatic train control in operation between Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and Chicago on the main line, the last link of this protection between Elkhart, Ind., and Englewood, Ill., going into service on or about January 10. Between Poughkeepsie and Elkhart the automatic train control installations were carried out and put into operation before the close of 1927. Passengers hereafter will travel the entire distance between Boston and Chicago over the New York Central Lines and be under the protection of automatic control every mile of the way.

In addition to the main line between New York and Chicago the New York Central Lines have installed automatic train control equipment on all of the Boston and Albany Railroad, between Boston and Rensselaer, N. Y., on the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie between Pittsburgh and Youngstown, Ohio, on the Michigan Central, between Detroit and Kensington, Ill., the junction with the Illinois tracks leading into Chicago, and on the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis (the Big Four Route) between Indianapolis and St. Louis.

The first automatic train control installation on the New York Central Lines was placed in service July 18, 1926, as provided by an Interstate Commerce Commission order of June 13, 1922. At this time, 1,015 miles of road and 2,734 miles of track were protected by the use of automatic locomotives equipped with the automatic train control mechanism.

Following the completion of this initial installation the New York Central Lines undertook a voluntary expansion program of automatic train control covering various portions of its system railroads, which as now carried out makes the New York Central among the leaders of all the railroads of the country in putting into effect this elaborate system of train protection.

The voluntary installations made without any direct order of the Interstate Commerce Commission, as carried to conclusion in 1927, represent a total of 645 miles of road and 1,981 miles of track, over which 452 locomotives equipped with automatic train control devices are operated.

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Many women who are desirous of mastering the mysteries of her car, should attend a school which is equipped to go into the subject from the elementary to the advanced state.

If driving and caring for a car is her hobby, she will enjoy every minute of the time spent and will be well repaid by the knowledge acquired. The puzzles of ignition, carburetion and other mysteries will unfold and she will have a foundation of mechanical knowledge which she can continually add to as time passes.

Oil looks better. The Institute seems to be accomplishing something at last, although it will be a year before the industry gets down to real profitable operations. Motors promise well, and leather is in a particularly advantageous position.

Foreign trade is favorable and home markets are steady. Cotton is showing the effects of southern liquidation and speculative selling.

Agricultural conditions have improved and should continue to improve. Copper buying is in good volume around 14 cents. Sugar has been marked up about 20 points. Money is cheap and credit plentiful. There has been a large increase in brokers loans.

Notwithstanding all the favorable items, many lines of industry are operating at a small margin of profit. This may be offset by universally low inventories.

Stock prices have been firm. There will be about a half billion dollars released the first of January for reinvestment and this fact will stimulate the market. Bonds, preferred stocks and investment common stocks will be bought. We believe that a cautious policy is advisable. The situation is such that a technical corrective reaction of good proportions can come at any time. Wait until such time to buy.

COMMUNITY SUICIDE

One of the strangest phenomena witnessed in most towns and small cities is the apparent good with which many otherwise good citizens contribute to the tendency to commit community suicide.

These citizens will often show uncommon zeal in boosting any movement to obtain civic improvements, to promote the location of new industries, to secure better educational facilities, and so on. Yet many of these same proud boosters will deliberately engage in a practice which nullifies all their otherwise laudable efforts—and then they wonder why their town doesn't go ahead.

We refer to the suicidal habit of buying away from home, which is largely responsible for the failure of many communities to make the progress which their natural advantages should make possible. The money that ought to be kept at home for the expansion of local trade and industry is sent away to distant cities, never to return, through the indifference or thoughtlessness of the very persons who should set an example of local pride and loyalty.

A trifling saving here and there, usually more imaginary than real, is sufficient to cause the average citizen to forget his duty to his community and to himself, which if performed would mean more in the direction of local prosperity than all his other boasting efforts put together.

Why boast in one direction, while committing community suicide in another?

NEWS 200 YEARS AGO

In connection with the 200th anniversary of the Maryland Gazette which was celebrated at Annapolis a few weeks ago, some early copies of that newspaper were exhibited.

The news and advertisements of that day were naturally quite different from what is found in current newspapers, as they reflected the customs and beliefs of their time.

One of the stories from Vienna told of the burning of several persons convicted of witchcraft, among them "a midwife who had baptized 2,000 children in the name of the devil."

A local item related the ex-

perience of a negro slave who struck a white man in an argument over a dog fight. The negro was sentenced to have one of his ears cut off "pursuant to the law in such cases."

Among the advertisements was one announcing the arrival of a cargo of "about 200 choice slaves, which will be exposed for sale on Thursday the 22d of this instant."

In its issue of October 21, 1762, the Maryland Gazette published the news of the birth of a son to the British king and queen, which had occurred on August 12. The story bore the headlines: "Great Joy to the Nation! A Prince of Wales is Born. God Save the King."

This was the dissolute and notorious character who afterwards became George IV.

The Maryland Gazette was fre-

quently suspended for varying per-

iods, but is still published and is

credited by the Librarian of Congress with being "the dean of present-day American newspapers."

They've been killing off rebel lead-

ers in Mexico for lo, these many years,

but the supply does not seem to run